

BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSOURI RIVER, BETWEEN
WILLIAMS AND MCKENZIE COUNTIES, N. DAK.

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Mr. SHEPPARD, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10688]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10688) granting the consent of Congress to the State of North Dakota to construct a bridge across the Missouri River between Williams County and McKenzie County, N. Dak., having considered the same, report favorably thereon, and recommend that the bill do pass without amendment.

The bill has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed communications.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 19, 1924.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill (H. R. 10688, 68th Cong., 2d sess.), granting the consent of Congress to the State of North Dakota to construct a bridge across the Missouri River between Williams County and McKenzie County, N. Dak.

As the navigable portions of the Missouri River do not lie within the limits of a single State, the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, December 23, 1924.

HON. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
United States House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 13, inclosing a copy of H. R. 10688 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the State of North Dakota to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River between Williams and McKenzie Counties at or near Williston. The location proposed for this bridge is on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of North Dakota. We are advised by the State Highway Department of North Dakota that the bridge in question will be a free bridge. This department, therefore, would recommend favorable action on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

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